

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Advisory Panel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9091304627176459862.

ADDRESSES: Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

The Herring Advisory Panel will receive an overview of the Council's Atlantic herring priorities for 2023 and plan for the year. They will also discuss the Plan Development Team's analysis of factors contributing to the low 2020-22 river herring

and shad catch estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery. The Advisors will also revisit

Amendment 8 Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure and receive a summary of issues and

discussion of next steps as well as make recommendations to the Herring Committee, as

appropriate. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before

this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during

this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this

notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action

under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified

of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also

should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a

copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies,

Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: March 20, 2023.

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Acting Deputy Director,

Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service.